

## Health News Release

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## Pasco massage therapist's license suspended for five years

Juan P. Ochoa was criminally convicted of assault with sexual motivation

**OLYMPIA** — The Department of Health suspended massage practitioner Juan P. Ochoa (MA00024826) for at least five years based on a criminal conviction for assault with a sexual motivation.

In August 2012 the agency charged Ochoa with sexual misconduct with a female patient and immediately suspended his license. This suspension order completes the legal process.

The charges can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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